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House Resolution 1412

By: Representatives Martin of the 47th and Kidd of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Coach David Perno and inviting him to be recognized by the House of
- 2 Representatives; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Coach David Perno has long been recognized for his superior coaching skills,
- 4 his dedication to challenging the future leaders of Georgia, and his incredible devotion to his
- 5 players; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Clarke Central High School in Athens, Georgia, where he was a
- 7 standout football and baseball player, Coach Perno played baseball for the University of
- 8 Georgia, helping lead the Bulldogs to a national championship title in 1990; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished coaching career at Marshall University as assistant
- baseball coach while he attended the school to earn a master's degree in athletic and health
- 11 education; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Coach Perno has dedicated 13 years to the University of Georgia baseball
- 13 coaching staff, serving as head coach of the Bulldogs for the past eight years; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he has led the team to the College World Series as head coach in 2004, 2006,
- and 2008, and back to back trips to the NCAA Baseball Tournament in 2008 and 2009; and
- 16 WHEREAS, during his eight years as head coach, he has guided the Bulldogs to five
- 17 postseason appearances, more than any other coach in the University of Georgia's baseball
- 18 program history; and
- 19 WHEREAS, demonstrating a standard of excellence both on and off the field, Coach Perno
- 20 has served as a pillar of support and encouragement when one of his players, Chance Veazey,
- 21 was recently involved in an accident which left him paralyzed from the waist down; and

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WHEREAS, Coach Perno's compassion and friendship have helped Chance and his family

- 23 cope and heal during trying times, encouraging Chance to remain actively involved with his
- 24 team by serving as a game announcer and reminding Chance he will always be part of the
- 25 Bulldog family; and
- 26 WHEREAS, Coach Perno not only brings out the superior athletic ability of his players, but
- 27 serves as a role model to his players and others with his dedication to his players both on and
- 28 off the field.
- 29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
- 30 the members of this body recognize Coach David Perno for his commitment to the
- 31 student-athletes of Georgia, commend the heartfelt kindness he displays to others, and invite
- 32 him to be recognized by the House of Representatives at a date and time to be designated by
- 33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- 34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House Representatives is authorized and
- 35 directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Coach David Perno.